## **Common Business Honesty**

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paper he had been reading. He was watched Dane with apprehensive eyes. man of 60, big. massive and power-He reclined at his case in his com- him in stupefied silence.

ago," he said.

ery with trembling hands.

for his share of worldly wisdom. He ing." was a good looking, sprightly man, Bu

one of the young fellows he fleeced. He astounding news. ended as a floater on the street."

"Why do you tell me this?" understand is the case. Or has he misinformed me on that point?"

Helen came over and pressed her lay the matter before you." fathers hand appealingly. No," she said. 'He's a fellow director with me in Valdez Mining: he's been straight face had turned a dangerous purple. enough as far as I know," Caspar Dane he stretched a gentlemanly, little,

"What did you say to Paul?" Helen treaty toward Dane. asked timidly.

"I said that is a most unwelcome

do you say to me?" "The same."

father's stubborn prejudices and of his ped, the great vein in his forehead was eccentric and perverse methods of con- swollen, and in his flushed face all firming them.

you. I remember how dear a thing it up from his bony wrists. was when I won your mother's consent-and I don't think I could really ciled a line on a slip of paper, and be unsympathetic at such a time. I now, while the others waited in strickwant you to have all the happiness en silence, he opened and the office there is in your young love—and there's boy appeared.

a great deal. But I don't want you to "Stop!" cried Dane in his big voice, dear, is nothing-literally nothing. And withdrew. make any difference to me."

The girl was touched, but not quite should advise you to destroy it." satisfied.

swered vaguely.

She was aware that the reply mask-

special meeting in the law office of stock." Mr. John Welch. It was generally undeclared. The mining expert, Cas- row," sneered Welch. par Dane, was returning that day from

stocking manufacturer, and Mr. Lind- situation calmly."

Having had each one his joke, they at the table before him.

Herrick were awaiting them. "Old man not come yet?"

"He telephoned me just an hour ago:

I'm afraid I don't quite undestand."

said the young man.

for this and three fingers for that-

Caspar Dane put down the news- i his roll-top desk, which was open, and

"Gentlemen, the chair will ask the fully built, with a strong, shrewd, meeting to come to order." Dane said, healthy face, which was smooth shav- His voice was grave, deliberate and en except for short, gray side-whis- unemotional. "The circumstances are kers; his head was bald and rose to such that the chair will dispense with a benevolent dome, and his blue eyes, the usual formalities. You are waitin spite of a cynical giant which was ing for my report on the Valdez Mine. always in them, were softened by the Gentlemen, there is no Valdez Mine." twinkling crow's feet in the corners. The ohtre four directors looked at

so promising proves now quite valu- to ourselves-provided it does not con- thing to do?" less. In all my mining experience I flict with our duty to our stockholders? He looked at his daughter, who sat quietly on the other side of the fire-place, her pretty fair-haired head bent over her embroidery. Caspar Dane over her embroidery. Caspar Dane tlemen, that ore which we have uncorrected by announcing the facts right off. I swered Welch. "And then have every-time that view too."

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the evening for him to speak. The evening for him to speak. The evening for him to speak. father I paid my fool tax forty years The money we have spent on develop- thing, to do merely the quixotic thing." at all." ment work has been thrown away. It "Your fool tax?" A flush tinged her would hardly pay us to transport the out both arms on the table. Then in- suming control of the meeting. "is chairman. cheeks and she put down her embroid- ore we have blocked out to a smelter- terlocking his fingers and pressing about to lay a plan before us for con- "Mr. Dane," he said abruptly, "I am seil." with trembling hands.

so remote as we are from railroad. In them together till the knuckles turned sideration."

sure we should like to know what you sure we should like to know what you short, our mine is worth literally noth-white, he spoke in a halting, faltering "My idea," said Welch, "would be think about this scheme."

sure we should like to know what you caught up the instrument.

The telephone bell rang and Tweed over a hugh block of stock regardless caught up the instrument.

with curly, black hair and very hand- rising and pointing to the chart of the my business-and we've been running uslly, now and then buying some of "the duty of the chair is not to take price? Down as low as what? Fortysome, dark-red cheeks and an attrac- mine that hung on the wall, how is it behind-nobody knows it-but we've it back, so as to keep up the price- part in discussion but to keep it from five to fifteen!" some, dark-red cheeks and an attractive smile—Paul Herrick is like that, isn't he?"

Yes," Helen murmured.

"I noticed it especially when he came to interview me today. His father was been from the content of the chart and believed—it is the main lode—" been running behind for three years. But always selling more than we buy. Wandering. After discussion has exhausted itself, if the chair has any-like to interview me today. His father was but always selling more than we buy. Wandering. After discussion has exhausted itself, if the chair has any-like to interview me today. His father was but always selling more than we buy. Wandering. After discussion has exhausted itself, if the chair has any-like to interview me to day. Sat the door and announced, Mr. Paul Herrick."

He thrust the receiver roughly back hat is his privilege. We did so he talked rapidly, appealingly, to interview me today. His father was stating what they all had believed—it is the main lode—" been running behind for three years. Divide the proceeds pro rata—that is, hausted itself, if the chair has any-like to interview me to an announced, Mr. Paul Herrick is like that, how my chance on each sale give each man a share thing to add, that is his privilege. We did so he talked rapidly, appealingly, appealingl

"Because of that interview which we were mistaken. I can only repeat the world!" ation—and the superintendent will give this thing myself—maybe I can give one to another of the men. you all the details. I hurried home to you a hand."

white hand along the table with en-

"I assured you," the chairman answered. "And I am chagrined-like surprise and that I would look into the the lawyer who loses his case, or the doctor who loses his patient. No more "Not very cordial, were you? What than other men are mining engineers infallible."

"Chagrined!" Good God!" exclaimed Helen sighed; she was aware of her Tweed, passionately. Then he stopthe lines of age and care seemed to "Helen, my dear"-he put his arm have tightened. He bent himself forround her and drew her closer to him- ward, clutching his hands together bedon't think I'm unsympathetic with tween his knees, thrusting his sleeves

Welch, sitting at his desk, had pen-

miss all the happiness there is in love leaping up; the violence of sudden that's no longer young-love that anger swept over the gravity of his grows and keeps on growing even when face. He sprang between Welch and the man and the woman are on the boy. "You are not wanted, boy; downward slope of life. Compared that bell was a mistake," he said, and with that, your young happiness, my the boy, open-mouthed and frightened.

I want you to have the affection of Dane looked down at the lawyer. a man so good that you can give him The chair rules that no one in this all your life a full, ungrudging, always room shall hold communication with increasing love and loyalty. If I find any one outside till after this meeting Paul Herrick is such a man, the fact is adjourned," he stated emphatically. that he's the son of his father won't "That note in your hand, Mr. Welch. might be an order to sell stock; I

"You jump at conclusions," replied "How will you find out?" she ask- the lawyer flushing and pocketing the note. "I wonder if one so shrewd has "Something may happen," he an- not already profited by his advance information?"

ed an eccentric purpose, but she had to his pocket and tossed it on Welch's and the old." desk. "I expected the question. You the directors of the Valdez Mining will find those are the certificates of the rose slowly to his feet. "Ill have outlined seeme. Weoo-tijooagic-l'vhis ference how sorry we feel for ourselves

derstood a first dividend would broker may not call for them tomor- unsteadily toward the door. Welch rose

an examination of the property, and leave them with you, my dear sir, for go to the window. All you need is a From Caspar Dane's question, which we've been contemplating in this room upon receiving his report, expected to safe keeping. Come, gentlemen, come; breath of air."

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Caspar Dane, for many years his of his chair, with his hands resting on distinctness; both Shinn and Weich

say Tweed, the eminent wool merchant He returned to his place at the head and glancing away struck a match and "I think." he said "I can safely say ed, with his eyes shining in bright met in the elevator on the way up to of the table. The two old men. Shinn relighted his cigar. Welch's office. As they recognized and Tweed, with anxious faces were "Yes," said Tweed, bitterly. "The ing, I know I've always tried to de- his hand and stroked his upper lip each other they nodded, each with a figuring now on the backs of enve-window will do." each other they nodded, each with a confident and initiated smile. "Going lopes; across from the Paul Herrick and Shinn answered, "I guess we'll stanyway to see if it's rine" at the table before him at the table before him

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had left his face; of the four men who "And how's the market today, Her- had heard the announcement he seem- opposite to see. The man looked puz- Herrick, scrawling with his pencil. rick? Strong, ch-and maybe we'll give ed to have most thoroughly recovered zied, and with his left hand Tweed threw out a trivial jest. "It would be it an extra little lift. That's a great himself. He began to speak now, with business you're in—with your private the persuasive art of the lawyer who with an excited expression, flung out | "I am not speaking frivolously," said signals on the exchange—two fingers had won some reputation through his both hands comprehensively. Tweed Shinn, with some severity. with plausibility.

be suddenly confronted by a moral desk, was submitting points for con- brokers-and if a lesson is occasionally "Oh, yes, you do. Why. Vance, my issue. In such a turn of fortune as this, sideration. broker, was telling me he has private the first impulse is to blame some one: singnals on the exchange—two fingers we can't bear so great a shock with- rectors are the ones that have done the business man. We have duties to our "Yes," Tweed hesitated only a moout indignation. But here, on cooler work in this concern. We've worked stockholders, failing that, we have dument. "Yes, I would surely promise The door opened and Caspar Dane second thoughts, it appears that no one is to blame. We must not indulge in recriminations. We must charge in a smile; a man built on a large scale, with the habit of a genial expansive
with the door opened and Caspar Dane second thoughts, it appears that no one is to blame. We must not indulge in recriminations. We must charge in a position to save something from who would see our good friend Tweed ward and folding his arms upon the wreck; don't our efforts entitle brought to humiliation and ruin, all smile of greeting for any one. He I say, we seem to be confronted by a any good." shook hands with each of his fellow moral issue, and we must determine directors in grave slience, and although where our duty lies. Is it our duty to asked Shinn. it was spring out doors and the morn- come out flatfooted and announce

mainly addressed his appeal.

"Thanks,"

cried Shinn with helpless pathos. His he recovered himself with an effort, to put a question. I am not very well ment. But it doesn't make any dif-

not to hear or notice anything. Shinn's whiff of air was all I wanted." Tweed it-and now to be wiped out-with a a dividend payment." Herrick seemed absorbed in his own repressed excitement which showed he me a good deal. And I say, in a case dropped back in his chair, muttering thoughts. Only Caspar Dane sat up- was at least no longer in danger of like that, damn the speculative public; "Thank God!" right-massive, alert and to him Welch collapse. His eyes roved from one to a man's duty is to his own."

will be of advantage in any way to "No, but I'll call the boy and send mine itself too remote. There are true?"

"Helen, it was to Paul Herrick's seems to be merely an isolated deposit. is so easy, in wishing to do the right less eagerness to assent. "No. No good bent over, clasping and unclasping his in a breathless, quivering voice. "I had thrown the "street" into such con-

as sixteen—all the way up to forty. Herrick, who before this had been enAnd next month my notes come due— gaged in figuring on a bit of paper, hind his back; there was something his outstretched arms.

"Helen," he said, holding out his back; there was something his outstretched arms. Dane rose and stood behind htm. And next month my notes come due- gaged in figuring on a bit of paper, hind his back; there was something his outstretched arms. "Yes," he said. "We thought so. But and—and—I'm ruined! Not a penny in bent over the table with frowning boyish and appealing in the attitude "Well," said Welch, "fifteen is better I'm sure he's straight."

We were mistaken. I can only repeat the world:"

"Oh. father," she murmured, with Pull Herrick had with me today. He that the case, so far as I know, is with- "Have we a duty to ourselves-and signs on the surface. Shinn put down which he began to speak was appealing was a pretty foxy scheme you tried her arms around his neck and her face Pull Herrick had with me today. He case, so far as I know, is withcomes of bad stock, Helen, and he day on us—and that was why you deals in stocks as a business: I don't know which fact is the worse. I'm dwindling and failure of the ore. "The case, so far as I know, is withthat the case, so far as I know, is withthat

> murmured Tweed Welch's proposal requires some discus- like to say, and, if it's worthless and sit in judgment?" "But-but you assurred us, Dane!" "Thanks." His head sank forward, and sion, gentlemen I should myself like I'll probably have to make an assign-

gradually declines? Not at all; rather the reverse, since we shall then be giving them an opportunity to escape with the reverse of this meeting them are opportunity to escape with the reverse of the r something less than total loss-if they I miss anything while I was at the kerchief and wiped his forehead. When up Vance & Co.-quick! quick!" Then ing. fortable leather chair, unperturbed by the dropping of his cigar ashes on his the dropping of his cigar ashes on his any only of the dropping of his cigar ashes on his any only of the desk and, gripping the standard of the left him short of breath.

hands. Tweed turned in his chair and flung "Mr. Welch," said Caspar Dane, re- Paul Herrick turned towards the the knew of this meeting and was looking cable—the only surmise being that

"This—this finds me in pretty simply this—for us five directors to "As I understand it," Dane answered "This you Vance? This is Tweed. Did used the financial writer's saplent But Mr. Dane," cried Paul Herrick, bad shape. It's been a poor year in pool our stock. Then sell it off grad- tossing his cigar into the fireplace, you sell Valdez? What, all of it? What comments on the demoralizing episode.

told that he's a better felow that his superintendent's report," he added, laying a hand on Tweed's arm. "I'm father; I dare say he is, or he wouldn't "covering the matter fully, is on the have got you to care for him, as I way. We made every possible explor- but you'll pull through. If I weather Caspar Dane looked impassively from he seems to be the hardest hit; I'm Welch turned on him furiously. "And never "It seems," he said at last, "that Mr. speculating in the stock more than I come here to lie to us and tempt us the old. Paul Herrick stood before

his head resting on his hand, seeming a little faint for a moment, but the money I have saved up I've put into right, and I am prepared to recommend "Thank you, Dane," he said; then he

their stock to zero. Will it be treating them with unfairness if we—if we hold back the information for some days, during which, perhaps, the stome whiskey as well as gradually declines? Not at all, rather and cried: "The sold out! I'm sold "Weich seems to have an idea," said "I-I suppose the idea if for each one desk telephone, turned again toward baper of the singular gyrations per-

saw Vance, my broker. I suppose he sternation were regarded as in expliacross. I gave him his signal-to some one, not an "insider" had become

a crook-kept a bucket shop, and I was what was so at variance with Dane's I've bought it on margins-from as low Dane smoked on Imperturbably. Paul The young man rose and stood de- He went tottering to the table, and,

sorry for myself, because I've been by what right," he demanded, "do you meeting for both the young man and

side the lawyer and confronting Dane, ed the older man that morning. And lied-you lied-you will be held to ac- tipathy and distrust.

ting there, Shinn stood over him, pour- called her answer-"Why, of course, ing out tirade that had momentarily I've always known."

mock us-and torture us-for your have you been thinking?" sport! We'd done nothing to you— "A funny thing for me," he answer-nothing—we were you're friends. By ed. "I was thinking that with hu-God, Caspar Dane, you're a disgrace man beings it's better to have faith to humanity!"

Dane, who had indorsed three of the five certificates that he had handed to the lawyer for safe keeping, sat silent under this scourging. Now he rose, with the papers in his hand, and said guletly to Shinn;

"You're right to feel that way-from

went up to Tweed, who was still sitting at the table with his head on was

his outstriched arms. "Tweed," said Dane, touching his shoulder. The old man did not look up. Across the table, Paul Herrick raised eyes, and Dane saw the contempt and distrust in his glance "Tweed," said Dane again gently, "you and I have been friends a good while And I want to pay for my fun-mighty poor fun I've found it. I don't know how much you've lost-but here are three certificates for a thousand shares each-and you've got to take 'em. In

man's outstretched hands.

For a moment Tweed looked up. Beach, Cal.

dropped his head again and wept. The expression was almost as listless, and spoke with a nervousness and a half family to support—well, it will restrict "What!" cried Welch, and then he others stood silent and wretched.

at bravery. collapse. His eyes roved from one to a man's duty is to his own."

Shinn and Herrick gazed at Dane in another of his associates with an odd sharpness. "I'm still a little shacky; stock can be unloaded?" said Dane "We must consider," the lawyer said, whether anything is to be gained by whether anything is to be gained by a proceeding of atter frankness that whether anything of a stunned silence. Tweed, his face liverage and contorted, his eyes wild with an stock can be unloaded?" said Dane id and contorted, his eyes wild with an you haven't any whisky here have you, a proceeding of atter frankness that whether anything is to be gained by which is a risk we must take. I don't think there is much danger. The in a low, shaking voice, said: "Is it brokers we may depend on. We can The mine is perfectly good and honest thing-and then in an hour, to the interests of our stockholders? I cannot see that it won wouldn't." Tweed seemed, by consument, we reduce the value of announcement, we reduce the value of track to you wouldn't." Tweed seemed, by consument we make our announcement, we reduce the value of track to you wouldn't." Tweed seemed, by consument we have believed it that the value of track to you wouldn't." Tweed seemed, by consument we have believed it they wouldn't have believed it it skillfully we can hold un the processing flightly and agittated. The processing flightly and agittated. The processing flightly and agittated. The processing flightly and agittated agreement we have believed it it skillfully we can be can will be can be considered and then in an hour, to be exposed as a swindler and a traitor through Herrick, and people will think this head and wide from his shouldn't have believed it of myself an hour ago."

Dane, with a sudden inspiration, quick!" He stumbled round the end of strode vigorously to the head of the "Gentlemen," he said, with a faint smile and in a voice of authority, "let

scared at the last moment and thrown his daughter Helen sat on the other side of the lamp. The maid appeared He thrust the receiver roughly back at the door and announced, Mr. Paul

So serenely happy was she that she Welch turned on him furiously. "And never guessed how awkard was that Dane in the same attitude of defer-"Yes!" cried Shinn, stepping up be- ence and with which he had confront-"How dare you trifle with us? You Dane read in Paul's face a proud an-

count. Decent men will not speak to Late that evening Helen came into the library where her father sat, alone He stopped, quivering with passion and thoughful. He smiled up at her speechless for want of breath; his radiant face; he gave a sigh of conchest heaved, his face was red and tentment when she perched herself on swollen, his eyes flashed. Dane look- his knee and stroked his hand. And ed at him sadly, disregarding the law- looking at his fair-haired girl with the shining eyes and gentle lips and the "I can't say anything," Dane admitt- profile so like that of the other dear d. "I want to do what I can." woman, no lenger of this world, who he turned suddenly and sat down at had seen the truth clearly when he Welch's desk. And while he was sit- had often blundered. Caspar Dane re-

"Have you been sitting thinking all You dared-to play with us-to-the evening" asked Helen. "What

than to experiment for knowledge."

A SKIN OF BEAUTY IS A JOY FOREVER.



FITS CURED Dr. Lindley's Perfected Cure removes Then as Tweed still did not raise his the cause, saves the mind, restores the the last half hour is conspiracy and head, Dane forced the papers into the nerves. No failures. It cures. Send for free trial bottle. Dr. Lindley, Long



Dane drew a packet of papers from "So serenely happy was she that she never guessed how awkward was that meeting for both the young man

in front of him. Dane laughed tolerantly. "I will "Hold on," said Welch. "You'd better said.

friend. But Dane avoided the appeal his knees.

"What would you propose doing?" "Well, that's something to talk about,

Company had been summoned for a my five thousand shares of Valdez to leave for a few moments. I'm—I'm versed in the stock market. Does the or for one another, we all of us know six months Valdez will be worth a special meeting in the law office of stock." stock."

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scheme that Mr. Welch has outlined what's right. And we can talk all we hundred dollars a share—and if I know seem to Mr. Herrick practicable?"

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and Shinn answered, "I guess we'll folded and his eyes starring gloomily thump it anyway to see if it's ripe."

Having had each one his joke, they entered Welch's office in excellent human. "The thing for us to consider," said Dane, "is what now to do. Is it your pleasure, gentlemen, that we should at the failure of the inner rooms; Welch and Paul Herrick were awaiting them.

The office boy directed them to one of the inner rooms; Welch and Paul Herrick were awaiting them.

The office had add his eyes starring gloomily in a recess in a distant corner of the table before him.

The thing for us to consider," said bows on the sill and looked down two stories upon the murmuring traffic of the street. Behind in the room the once publish the failure of the mine?"

Tweed threw up both hands in a gesture of despair and imploring discussion was resumed, but leaning out, he did not hear a word! After a gesture of despair and imploring discussion was resumed, but leaning out, he did not hear a word! After a gesture of despair and imploring discussion was resumed, but leaning out, he did not hear a word! After a gesture of despair and imploring discussion was resumed, but leaning out, he did not hear a word! After a gesture of despair and imploring discussion was resumed, but leaning out, he did not hear a word! After a gesture of despair and imploring discussion was resumed, but leaning out, he did not hear a word! After a gesture of despair and imploring discussion was resumed, but leaning out, he did not hear a word! After a gesture of despair and imploring discussion was resumed, but leaning out, he did not hear a word! After a gesture of despair and imploring discussion was resumed, but leaning out, he did not hear a word! After a gesture of despair and imploring discussion was resumed, but leaning out, he did not hear a word! After a gesture of despair and imploring discussion was resumed, but leaning out, he did not hear a word! After a gesture of despair and imploring discussion was resumed and apparent the failure

More like play than business, I always cleverness in refining upon the truth still held up two fingers of his right never more in earnest in my life. The friends follow the dictates of their own hand and with his ieft pointed to him-speculative public is perfectly able to conscionces, should these differ from take care of itself. Who are the spec- consciences, should these differ from "We seem, gentlemen," he said, "to Meanwhile, Welch, sitting at his ulative public?-gamblers and stock yours," administered to them, it is no doubt "There's one thing," he said. "We di- deserved. I speak as a conservative Just that."

please about our having duties to our- anything about mines, our great grand-Herrick continued to draw diagrams without looking up. "Perfectly," he deceive ourselves in the least. What deceive ourselves in the least. What you don't turn me down on this?" Herrick continued to draw diagrams selves and our families and none to

started in their seats. Herrick, flush-

gesture of despair and imploring dissent.

"And the stock selling today at forty opposite and nodding to him familiar."

Tweed threw up both hands in a out, he did not hear a word: After a avoidable loss, at, weath seems of anything to help the anything "He'll be here," Herrick answered, five!" groaned Shinn. "Selling now, at ly. Tweed stared, and then cunning public is capable of looking after its after all is to take our medicine. Mayand wild hope together rushed into own interests—and, of course, in nine be-I'll be able to pull through, anyway, and wild hope together rushed into own interests—and, of course, in nine be lil be able to pull through, anyway,

> Welch gave a short, hard laugh. "I was prevent you from protecting yourself from loss, I hope you will let your,

> > "Exactly," replied Welch. "Silence.

ness, and a face as naturally merry perfections of human knowledge, and as it was shrewd, he had now not a not to the fault of any individual. As with the rest, it won't be doing them duty to the speculative public?" He rose and placed his hand loyally dez Mine-on the Exchange, in the on Tweed's shoulder. Tweed shrank street. Every newspaper shall have uncomfortably under the touch, and them, and will I do everything in my

ing sun was shining in at the windows, the room seemed smitten with a chill.

Dane took the chair at the head of the long table; Shinn and Tweed sat together on his right; Paul Herrick

He paused for an answer of suggestions but no one spoke. Tweed sat in asked, sympathetically.

but my idea would be this, in the large of the long table; "Oh, don't mind about me," he said place, for us five directors—

"Oh, don't mind about me," he said claiming; "You will—" But Dane in feeble protest. "Bon't consider me." or se also, rapping loudly on the table.

"But we do consider you, old man," or said Dane in a quiet work."

"Feeling better, old man." Shinn asked, sympathetically."

"Feeling better, old man," or said Dane in a quiet work."

"Gentlemen," said Dane in a quiet work. "Gentlemen," said Dane in a it was spring out doors and the morn-come out flatfooted and announce ing sun was shining in at the windows, what we have learned? That seems the but my idea would be this. In the first together between his legs.

Welch started from his seat, explace, for us five directors—

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